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HONGKONG, JUNE 26TH, 1871.

The petition which has been forwarded to the House of Commons by the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to enquire into the state of British trading relations with China, will, it is to be hoped, be productive of very useful results. It might perhaps be wished that the first petition had come from a source more immediately interested in the China trade; but it is satisfactory that the Edinburgh Chamber possesses great influence, and a requisition from it will be consequently likely to be treated with becoming respect; while there is reason to trust that this petition will be backed by similar petitions from the Manchester Chamber and from those of cities immediately concerned in the question. As an evidence that China, and the China trade are attracting attention at home, this movement is reassuring. The nature of the questions proposed shows that the framers of the petition are very well informed on the subject; and, if the suggestion which they make be carried out, there can be no doubt that a great step will have been taken towards some useful action in regard to the various vexed questions which have for the last five or six years brought forth so much hitherto unproductive discussion. The China question at home is something in the shape of codifying the English Laws. It is recognised as being of great interest and importance, but nobody is prepared with any propositions as to how to set about action. In regard to such questions everything which tends to their further discussion and elucidation is to be hailed as one step towards their final practical solution; and the present stirring of the water may be looked upon as likely to impress upon the Government that the matter is one with regard to which some practical action must be taken.

The appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into the subject, is undoubtedly one of the best steps that can be adopted. The Government has repeatedly complained of a want of facts—somewhat disingenuously we think, as the Reports from their own Consuls sent in from time to time have placed them in ample possession of the main facts connected with every question which has arisen in these parts. But in conformity with the proverb that "none are so blind as those who will not see," the Government have shown themselves singularly unimpressionable by facts connected with a question which they scarcely disengaged, was one that they desired if possible to set on one side. A Parliamentary Committee being appointed, it will be easy to obtain full facts from the large number of old China residents who are now at home; and the advantage will be that, though it is possible to alter over-dramatic revelations made in Consular despatches or Reports, it will not be possible for the Government to ignore the plain results of the investigations of a Parliamentary Committee. The result will be that *sols solens* the Government will be compelled to base their policy with regard to China upon the actual state of affairs existing, and not upon theories founded chiefly upon the exigencies of the particular policy which the Government for the time being is desirous to pursue; and if only once the truth be properly known at home, there can be no doubt that a vast number of the commercial and other abuses now existing will be taken up, and steps for their amelioration insisted on. As long as the Home Government does not move, and fails to show itself in earnest, we must look in vain for anything from Pekin, whose whole policy is avowedly opposed to progress.

A BILL FOR THE BETTER CONCEALMENT AND REMEDY OF FALSE ECONOMIES. (Pall Mall Gazette.)

Among the topics of the day is a very prevalent belief that the extra expenditure for the financial year just begun is all to go for strengthening the army—to make it a better, larger, and more organized force. The justification for what is called excessive armament is, that henceforth we shall be in no danger of invasion: it will be remembered that Mr Lowe himself recommended the extra taxation on the ground that it would bring the country so much additional revenue, and that the Foreign Office recommended little diminution of the Estimates; but, when the bill is introduced, it will show that the extra money is all to be spent on the army, and that the extra expenditure into portmanteau is of the most prised arts of administration. Therefore we avoid the trap of attempting an accurate and minute account of the true state of the case; and it happens that a general statement will suffice.

On Friday evening a Portuguese was walking past the house of Mr. Lowe in Hollywood Road, when he was called to a temporary engagement, who asked him to give them a place. Upon his refusing, they insisted, saying he must give them something, and closing in upon him one on either side, were so importunate that he was fain to go with them down to the Central Market, where he went into a China shop, and to get rid of them borrowed a dollar, which he divided between them. It was to be hoped that the Police, who are not slow to detect such conduct, will be called in to assist him in his efforts to get rid of the importunate visitors, will be repaid with great effect, and elicited hearty applause.

The long expected Report on the Police Force appeared in Saturday's *Graphic*. It is dated June 14th, and is a most interesting document in the hands of the Government. Mr. Deane wrote that both the state of crime and the condition of the Force are unsatisfactory. The disorganized condition of the Force is attributed chiefly to the difficulty in enlisting men in the Colony.

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The steamer *Yutting*, which left on Friday last to look for the *Mirage*, reported her arrival at 11 a.m. on the 24th at the place where the *Mirage* is drifting about, on the north side of Hainan Island. She found that the wrecks had taken all the iron out of the hull, and that every copper bolt upon which they could lay their hands. The ship was lying over on her starboard side, and all the main deck, except a portion of the port side, broken up; the ship was in about three fathoms water, in a small bay in the channel between the island and the mainland, into which she had been towed by junks. The *Yutting* left the place without holding any communication with the shore after an hour's examination of the wreck.

FRUITFUL CHOLERA, EPIDEMIC IN BUENOS AIRES.—When the *Oliver* (which arrived in the Murray April 20th) left Buenos Ayres, the city had been again visited by a fearful epidemic, second only in its ravages to the cholera of 1857. The mortality was chiefly amongst the Italians and the natives. During the six days ending March 11th, the death rate was over 100 daily, but the weather had set in cooler, and it was hoped the worst had passed. Business had been largely suspended. About 900 persons had left the town, but the doctors and others of all denominations were doing their duty fearlessly, and six of them had fallen victim to the epidemic.

## POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

24th June.  
Before JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.

## ARRAIGADOS.

Liu-kuang-fat, who was charged on the 22nd instant, with having been found at 330 a.m. on that day by Appen Sammeen, a watchman employed to take care of Tai-wong Lane, who in a certain warehouse, the property of Wing Aking, the master of the San-ice Chandlery, having the padlock by which the door had been secured in his hand, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He was found to have had the padlock unlocked, he had attempted to obey a call of nature, because he had no money to pay the fee at a public convenience; the lock of the door was not broken, nor was any key found on his person; the heat of the chandlery was quite positive that at dusk on the 21st instant he had locked the padlock of the store. Defendant could not produce any witness.

Ngo-chow of No. 7, Wing-lok Buildings, was fined \$5 for having unlawfully obstructed the public road right across to the Praya Wall, by packing sugar therein.

The occupants of houses Nos. 162, 163, 180 and 193, Queen's-road Central, were fined \$2, for a similar offence, the obstructions of their creation being putting up boxes and other articles, and also doing carpenter's work on the foot-way.

Several cases were remanded until the 25th instant, to permit of further inquiries to be made and witnesses found. The list of petty offences was small, and contained nothing of any interest to the public.

A cat show is shortly to be held at the Crystal Palace. A committee has been formed to arrange the preliminaries and there is no reason why the exhibition should not prove a success. It is to be hoped that the committee will not be subjected to the usual difficulties, and that we shall not hear of sporting young men catching stray cats, popping them in a hamper, and sending them off addressed to the secretary of the show.

## SHANGHAI.

The Shanghai Hien has issued a proclamation warning the Chinese against trading the local dues on opium.

An interesting question has been argued in the Supreme Court—whether Chinese as other foreigners, with respect to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, or have they special privileges under Clause 18 of the Taonau Treaty? The Hien has issued a circular to the effect that the committee will not be subjected to the usual difficulties, and that we shall not hear of sporting young men catching stray cats, popping them in a hamper, and sending them off addressed to the secretary of the show.

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

**NOTE.** **JUNE 24th, EVENING.**  
There has been a good native demand for Putna at \$537 to \$562 per ton. Putna, at \$573 to \$577; Malwa \$550 to \$556, on credit terms. Putna on time, 6th sale to native, \$500 to \$504.

**NOTE.** **JUNE 25th, EVENING.**  
The drug market has kept quiet throughout the day, with a very small Chinese demand.

**NOTE.** **JUNE 26th, MORNING.**  
Putna, \$532 to \$552; Benares, \$575 to \$577; Malwa, \$550 to \$555.

**EXPORT CARGOES.**  
For Grindal ship *Kent*, sailed for New York, via Whampoa, 1,425 pcks. Cassia Larch, 1,000 pcks. Matting, 1,352 pcks. Fire Crackers, 420 bales. Galungul, 45 boxes. Essential Oil, 40 boxes. Ginger, 4 pcks. Chinaware, 20 boxes. Pictures, 180 pcks. Sundries.

**EXCHANGES.**  
ON LONDON.—  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 4/4.  
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/2 to 4/5.  
Credit, at 6 months' sight, 4/2.  
Dowry Bills, at month's sight, 4/4.  
Bank Bills on demand, 4/4.  
ON NEW YORK.—  
Private, 5 months' sight, —.  
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 2/3.  
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 2/3.  
ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, 3 days' sight, 7/3.  
Bank, 15 days' sight, 7/3.  
Private, 30 days' sight, 7/3.  
Shares, Hongkong Bank, Old, 39 per cent. premium.  
Hongkong Bank Shares, New, 34 per cent. premium.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares \$1,300 per share premium.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares, \$2,500 per share premium.  
China and Japan Marine Insurance—Tls. 50 per share premium.  
Chinese Insurance Company, \$70 per share premium.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares, \$300 per share premium.  
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$56 per share premium.  
Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$47 per share premium.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—20 per cent. discount.  
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co.'s Shares—38 per cent. premium.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 30 per share premium.  
China Sea, Saigon, and Straits Steamship Company—6 per cent. discount.  
China and Straits Steam Navigation Company—20 per cent. discount.  
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$60 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—60 per cent. discount.  
Hongkong Distillery Company—10 per cent. premium, nominal.  
Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—\$15 per share discount.

**SALES.** **JUNE 24th, 1871.**  
Grey Shirts, 8-4ls., 500 pieces, at \$1.40.  
Kwan-wing-sing to Hongkong merchant.  
T. Cloth, 7lbs., 300 pieces, at \$1.70, by Kwong-fook-sing to Hongkong merchant.

Saigon Rice, 3,000 pcks, at \$2.05, by Fook-mow-foong to Hongkong merchant.

Saigon Rice, 1,000 pcks, at \$2.15, by Fook-mow-foong to Hongkong merchant.

White Sugar, 100 pcks, at \$3.50, by Kwong-mow-foong to Hongkong merchant.

Black Sugar, 100 pcks, at \$3.30, by Kwong-mow-foong to Shanghai merchant.

Black Sugar, 300 pcks, at \$2.50, by Kwong-mow-foong to Shanghai merchant.

Embank Cotton, 80 bales, at \$1.50, by Parker merchant to Kin-mun.

Calcutta Cotton, 145 bales, at \$13.00, by Parker merchant to Kin-mun cheung.

Calcutta Cotton, 88 bales, at \$10.00, by Parker merchant to Kin-mun cheung.

Muslin, 40 pieces, at \$2.20, by Kwong-fook-sing to travelling merchant.

Fusus, 40 pieces, at \$3.00, by Kwong-fook-sing to travelling merchant.

Rice, 1,000 pcks, at \$1.09, by Ta-tung-shan un to Hongkong merchant.

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## Extracts.

**Castles in Russia.**

The Cathedral of St. Isaac, which is separated from the Neva by a canal, is an ornate and magnificently-borne structure of Peter the Great, is built in the form of a Greek cross, with a grotto at each of the four sides; and with its granite monoliths sixty feet high, its dome plated with gold a quarter of an inch in thickness, and its gorgeous interior forms one of the most striking and splendid decorations of the Northern metropolis. Arrived at the vast granite steps which lead up to the principal entrance, we were met by a band of men in national dress of Gordon, chequered de-bris, behind which stand two colosses of gigantic stature, who ever and anon alighted from the barrier, and allow a few drops of the living sea to trickle through. Each apophysis of the foremost rock inscribed those behind with the desire to rush after them; the mass sways violently forward, a fierce struggle ensues, and amidst jostling and elbowing, casting of arms and kicking, the two colosses, who are of stone, are cast down, and then, after a moment's pause, rise again, and the barrier is closed.

Overland Railroad.

Risks Free of Particular average accepted from SAN FRANCISCO to any city in the UNITED STATES not south of ST. LOUIS, by RAIL, at one-half per cent.

**RUSSELL & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong and Shanghai.

**CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

POLICIES granted on **Marine Risks** to all parts of the World, at current rates.

In addition to the usual brokerage, thirty per cent (30%) of the profits will be returned to Bonus to all contributors of business, whether shareholders or not, ratesably in proportion to the volume of Premium contributed.

No Policy Fees charged.

**W. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 27th July, 1870.

## Insurances.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

**LOSSES** payable without extra charge in SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, LIVERPOOL, or LONDON.

**MERCHANDISE** with average accepted at current rates by STEAMERS, and strictly 41 SAILING VESSELS.

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

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**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.**

**THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire, Fumigation and Goods, at current rates.**

**RUSSELL & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 27th February, 1871.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

**THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the Current Rates.**

**RUSSELL & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1871.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1871.

**CHAS. TAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire Risks at current rates.**

**RUSSELL & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, 1st October, 1870.

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